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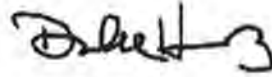
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Sincerely yours,



David M. Hardy
Section Chief
Record/Information
Dissemination Section
Records Management Division

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Director, FBI (100-55627)

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SAC, New York (65-10519)

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MANNING JOHNSON
[redacted]

Rebulet, 12/23/53.

On 12/31/53, SA [redacted] contacted [redacted] State of New York and, in accordance with Bureau instructions orally acknowledged that agency's letter of 12/16/53 re JOHNSON.

[redacted] was furnished the information re JOHNSON which referenced letter authorized and, per instructions, he was informed that the Bureau was making no recommendation as to either clearance or disapproval in this matter.

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[redacted] was contacted inasmuch as this office has had very close and satisfactory contact with him for the last three years in re the IWO. [redacted] advised that the manner of acknowledgement was entirely satisfactory and that he was in position to state that the needs of his department have been satisfied in this instance.

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[redacted] SA ([redacted])

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The individuals listed below are presently employed by the Immigration and Naturalization Service, 70 Columbus Avenue, NYC, as consultants on subversive matters:

1. ✓ BENJAMIN GITLOW; a Communist Party member from 1919 until 1929; former National Secretary of the CP and member of National Committee.
2. ✓ MANNING JOHNSON; member of CP from 1930 - 1940; served on National Committee of CP on Trade Union Commission and Negro Commission.
3. ✓ MAURICE MALKIN; member of CP from 1919 - 1937; member of National Committee and of Trade Union Commission.

On 1/4/54, [redacted] Subversive Alien Section, INS, 70 Columbus Avenue, NYC, advised the writer he had no objection to FBI agents interviewing the above individuals but requested that all such interviews be arranged through his office. [redacted] may be reached at [redacted], extension [redacted] or [redacted].

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It is suggested that this information be made available to all agents engaged in security type investigations.

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1 - NY 100-5109 (MAURICE MALKIN)
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Director, FBI

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SAC, New York (100-115609)

FCUA

Rebulet 6/8/53.

The NYO is in receipt of copies of hearings before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, 83rd Congress, First Session, captioned, "Investigation of Communist Activities in the New York City Area."

Part 7 dated 7/8/53 and Part 8 dated 7/13, 14/53 contain testimony by MANNING JOHNSON (NY 100-17063). Pursuant to existing Bureau instructions, a review of the testimony is being initiated and information on individuals referred to therein will be handled accordingly.

The estimated date of completion of the survey is 3/12/54.

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[redacted] SA (100-115609)

HCUA

ReNYlet to Bureau, dated [redacted], captioned as above, which reflected that a review of the testimony of all of the witnesses before the HCUA hearings on 5/4-7; 6/8; 7/6, 7/53 had been completed with the exception of the testimony of BENJAMIN GITLOW and MANNING JOHNSON.

The agents to whom these cases are assigned are requested to notify the Bureau of the progress of the review of the testimony of these individuals and the completion of this review when same has been accomplished under the caption "HCUA, Bufile 61-7582."

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (65-10519)

DATE: January 13, 1954

FROM : Director, FBI (100-55627)

SUBJECT: MANNING JOHNSON
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Reurlet dated January 8, 1954, attaching a letter
from [redacted]

According to referenced letter, [redacted] letter
has been acknowledged and he has been advised that his inquiry
was referred to the Bureau.

You should have an Agent contact [redacted] in the
immediate future, at which time it should be explained to him
that [redacted]

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Finally, it should be explained to [redacted] that we
are merely furnishing this information so that [redacted]
Post will be in possession of complete facts and since it is not
within the limits of the FBI's prescribed functions as a
fact-finding agency to make evaluations concerning the integrity
or character of any individual, it is not possible to furnish a
recommendation of Mr. Johnson.

You should advise the Bureau when you have complied
with the above instructions.

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Director, FBI (100-55627)

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SAC, New York (65-10519)

MANNING JOHNSON

Rebulet 1/13/54.

[redacted]
American Legion. was contacted by SA [redacted]
on 1/19/54.

In accordance with rebulet, [redacted] was advised that

[redacted] who expressed thanks for the cooperation of the FBI with his Post of the American Legion, was advised that the above information was being furnished solely for the purpose of supplying the American Legion with the facts involved, and that in no sense were any evaluations or recommendations being made as such would be outside of the prescribed functions of the FBI.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

DATE: 1/22/54

FROM : ASST. SUPERVISOR [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: MANNING JOHNSON,
[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] New York State Insurance Department,
called at 9:30 AM, 1/20/54, to state that he has not received
a formal reply from the FBI on the request for information regard-
ing [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] JOHNSON has applied for a position with the New York State
Insurance Department.) He advised that one of his superior officials
in the NY State Insurance Department advised him over the phone that
he had received a phone call from someone in the Bureau who advised
him that JOHNSON assisted Immigration and Naturalization Service.

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[REDACTED] did not have any particulars concerning the phone call
of his superior or who it was who called him from the Bureau. I
suggested to him that he recontact his superior to obtain these
facts and that if there was any question at all concerning MANNING
JOHNSON and if a formal reply was needed from the Bureau that he
should call him by 12 Noon. No call has been received from [REDACTED].

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TO : SAC, New York

DATE: 3/19/54

FROM : [REDACTED], SA

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]
Jesse Palmer Post
American Legion Post 1068

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The captioned individual telephoned the NYO at 11:35 a.m. and gave the following information:

He stated that approximately a month and a half ago he wrote a letter to this office requesting information on MANNING JOHNSON. He received a reply over Mr. BOARDMAN'S signature stating that he, Mr. BOARDMAN, was not authorized to give out information; however, the letter had been referred to the Attorney General.

He stated that approximately a week later an Agent, whose name he did not know, called at the Post but was unable to contact him.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that he needs the information given him by Mr. BOARDMAN in writing to present to his Legion meeting which will be held on Saturday, 3/20/54, in the evening.

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No comment has been made to [REDACTED] at this point. He is going to contact the writer telephonically at 2:30 p.m. this afternoon.

WTM instructs that [REDACTED] be advised diplomatically that we will not put this in writing.

[REDACTED] called at 2:30 P.M. 3/19/54. was advised as per above, was very cordial, & seemed to appreciate

7:30. Position TWC

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

DATE: 3/29/54

FROM : ASST. SUPERVISOR [REDACTED] #7

SUBJECT: MANNING JOHNSON,
[REDACTED]b2
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MANNING JOHNSON called the writer at 3 PM, 3/25/54, to advise that he had just returned from Washington where he had testified in the BEN GOLD CASE. During his absence from New York he received a letter from [REDACTED]

advising him that his membership in the above-mentioned American Legion Post has been annulled. JOHNSON advised that he immediately called [REDACTED] and was told by him over the phone on Tuesday, 3/23/54, that his JOHNSON's membership in the post was annulled because a letter had been received by the post from the FBI that JOHNSON was a Communist. [REDACTED] would not elaborate on this and ended the conversation at this point.

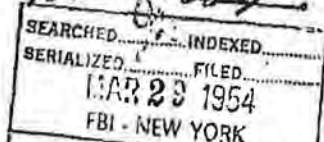
JOHNSON advised that he has made inquiry concerning members of the Americanism Committee of the Bronx Co. American Legion and has learned that one [REDACTED], who was employed at SACKHEIM & JACOBSON FURNITURE CO., 65 W. 125 Street, is a member of this committee and a representative from the Jesse Palmer Post. JOHNSON stated that he knew [REDACTED] to be a member of the CP at the time he was a member back in 1940 and intelligent inquiries made by him of his source in Harlem failed to reveal that he has given up his CP membership.

I advised JOHNSON that I would check into this as it would appear there was an irregularity here and that no such letters are sent out from the Bureau.

PJS:DJG

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

DATE: 4/28/54

FROM : [REDACTED], SA (65-10519)

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SUBJECT: MANNING JOHNSON
[REDACTED]

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Reference is made to my memo, 3/29/54, concerning a call received from MANNING JOHNSON in which he reported that his membership in the Jesse Palmer Post of the American Legion had been annulled by the [REDACTED] because "a letter had been received from the FBI that he was a Communist." JOHNSON at the time this memo was written, March 29, 1954, advised that he had written to the [REDACTED] requesting that he be advised of the specific charges placed against him.

On April 28, 1954, I called MANNING JOHNSON at INS, 70 Columbus Avenue, to inquire if there had been any change in his status with the American Legion Post and whether or not he had received a reply from his letter to the [REDACTED]. JOHNSON informed me that the letter he sent to the [REDACTED] on March 23, 1954, has not as yet been answered. In the letter he pointed out that he wanted the [REDACTED] to put in writing the reason for his annulment of membership in the American Legion. He also stated that he would not turn in his membership card until he had received a reply from the [REDACTED].

JOHNSON advised me that it is his belief that his membership in the American Legion has been annulled. He read to me the letter dated March 17, 1954, sent by the [REDACTED]. This letter as quoted by JOHNSON is as follows:

"There are some things that are hard to do and it has become my solemn duty as [REDACTED] to inform you that your membership in Jesse Palmer Post No. 1068, American Legion, has been annulled.

"Upon receipt of your membership card by mail or in person, at our Post home (the address), your \$5. paid will be refunded.

"Should you care to make an appointment with me to discuss further this matter, please find the post telephone number listed above and my home phone number listed below.

"Trusting that you will be sufficiently interested to call me, I remain,
Sincerely yours, [REDACTED]

65-10519-646
APR 29 1954
FBI - NEW YORK

FJS:kdg

MEMO:
NY 65-10519

4/28/54

MANNING JOHNSON again advised me that following the receipt of this letter on March 17, 1954, he immediately called [redacted] and asked him why his membership was being annulled. [redacted] told him that he had received a letter from the FBI that JOHNSON was a Communist and that because of this his membership was being annulled. JOHNSON questioned him concerning receipt of the letter, and at first he said that he, the [redacted], had received it personally. He then hedged on this matter and said that while he did not have the letter himself, someone else had it. At this point JOHNSON stated the [redacted] discontinued the conversation and hung up.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NY

FROM : SA [] (65-10519)

SUBJECT: MANNING JOHNSON
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DATE: 4/29/54

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Re memos 3/29/54 and 4/28/54 entitled MANNING JOHNSON;
[], submitted by SA [].

At 11:45 a.m. on April 29, 1954, I telephonically com-
municated with [] referred to in these memo-
randums. His home telephone number is []. I advised []
that the purpose of my call was that MANNING JOHNSON had
advised us that he had been expelled from the American Legion
Post and that he had been advised by [] that it was based
on a letter that [] received from the FBI reflecting his pre-
vious CP membership. I advised [] that we were in no way
interested in the action taken by the American Legion Post rela-
tive to suspending JOHNSON, but that in view of JOHNSON's statement,
and since the files of the FBI fail to reflect that we had sent him
such a letter, I was calling him to clarify the record.

[] stated that MANNING JOHNSON was expelled
from the Post due to the fact that he had been a member of the Com-
munist Party. He further stated that he had told MANNING JOHNSON
that he had sent a letter to the FBI but had never told him that
he had received a letter from the FBI. He stated that JOHNSON
has been challenging [] and threatening a libel suit; further,
that the members of that American Legion Post felt that he did not
enhance the membership of the Post and therefore did not feel
that he should be a member, and thus expelled him. He assured me
that he had never told JOHNSON that he had received a letter from
the FBI.

I emphasized to [] that the FBI has no interest
whatsoever in the action taken by the American Legion against JOHNSON
as this is a matter strictly within the jurisdiction of the American
Legion, and that I wanted to make it clear that the only purpose
of my call was to clarify the record relative to any letter being
submitted to [] by the FBI. [] stated that he ap-
preciated the call very much and assured the writer that he could
see no other significance in this phone call.

Submitted for record purposes.

WTM:RAA

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File re
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JOHNSON
65-10519*

April 28, 1954

[redacted]
Federal Bureau of Investigation
290 Broadway
New York, N.Y.

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DATE 8/17/00 BY SP2 ALM/EHL

Dear [redacted]:

I am enclosing copies of the correspondence between [redacted] and myself regarding the "annulment" of my membership in the Jesse Palmer Post # 1068 of the American Legion. My purpose in sending copies is because [redacted] in a conversation over the phone, shortly after I received his letter, stated that the action taken by the Post was based on information received in writing from the F.B.I.

Since I am well aware of the fact that the F.B.I. does not follow such a procedure I feel that it is my duty to inform you of the use of alleged "letter from the F.B.I." stating that I am a Communist.

The conversation over the phone was as follows:

Q. Who annulled my membership?

A. The Post.

Q. Why was such an action taken without my knowledge?

A. Because you are a Communist.

Q. Who gave you this information?

A. I have a letter from the F.B.I. stating that you are a Communist.

Q. Are you sure that you have a letter from the F.B.I.?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you have it in your possession?

A. No but we have it.

Q. Who has it?

A. None of your business. (slams down phone)

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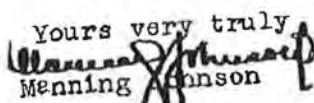
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In my possession I have a "Return Receipt" dated March 24, 1954 containing the signature of [redacted] showing that he received my letter of March 23, 1954. He has refused to give to me the courtesy of a reply.

I would deeply appreciate your looking into this matter since the F.B.I. has been involved by way of [redacted]

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Yours very truly,

Manning Johnson

1536 Lexington Avenue
New York, N.Y.

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Jesse Palmer Post No. 1068

AMERICAN



LEGION

304 West 133rd Street

New York 30, N. Y.

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MEETING NIGHTS 1st & 3rd SATURDAYS

March 17, 1954

Mr. Manning Johnson.
1536 Lexington Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Johnson:

There are some things that are hard to do! It has become my solemn duty as [redacted] to inform you that your membership in Jesse Palmer Post # 1068, American Legion, has been annulled.

Upon receipt of your membership card, by mail or in person, at our Post Home, address above, your \$5.00 paid will be refunded.

Should you care to make an appointment with me to discuss further this matter, please find the Post telephone number listed above, and my home phone number listed below.

Trusting that you will be sufficiently interested to call me, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

[redacted signature]

RAC:cpr

Home telephone number:

[redacted phone number]

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March 23, 1954

[redacted]
Jesse Palmer Post # 1068
American Legion
304 West 133 Street
New York, N.Y.

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Dear [redacted]:

This letter will acknowledge the receipt of your communication dated, March 17, 1954, in which you inform me that my membership in Jesse Palmer Post # 1068 of the American Legion has been annulled and request that I return my membership card.

Would you please inform me as to the reason for your annulment of my membership and the procedure which you followed in making such annulment.

It is my intention to maintain my membership in the American Legion as I sincerely subscribe to the principles on which the organization is based.

Legionally yours

Manning Johnson

Manning Johnson
1536 Lexington Ave.
New York City

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CC: Adj. Dept. of N.Y. American Legion
[redacted]
51 Chambers Street (Hall of Records)
New York, N.Y.

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SUPERVISOR [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
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At 1:35 PM. on January 4, 1955, ASAC D. E. MOORE telephonically communicated with [REDACTED] of the Bureau in the absence of Mr. BELMONT at which time [REDACTED] was advised that we had received a phone call from SUPERVISOR [REDACTED] of the WFO requesting the home addresses of BELLA DODD and MANNING JOHNSON to be furnished to AUSA HITZ for the purpose of subpoenas in instant case. [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] that in view of the difficulty which has occurred in the past relative to BELLA DODD, it was felt desirable to call this request specifically to the Bureau's attention. [REDACTED] instructed that we furnish the addresses to the WFO with specific instructions that prior to the furnishing of the address of BELLA DODD to HITZ, that they first clear with the Bureau. He stated that in the meantime the Bureau would communicate with the Department.

At 2:25 PM, I telephonically communicated with AUSA HOWARD FLETCHER of the WFO and furnished him the above Bureau instructions. I also advised him that MANNING JOHNSON'S address is 1536 Lexington Ave., New York, N. Y., and he is employed at INS, 70 Columbus Avenue, New York City. BELLA DODD resides at 317 W. 17th Street, New York City, and is employed at 100 W. 42nd Street, New York City. [REDACTED] stated that he will see to it that the information on BELLA DODD is not furnished to Mr. HITZ until appropriate clearance is received of the Bureau.

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As a matter of information, I later spoke to [REDACTED] on another matter at which time he advised that he was going to instruct WFO to furnish the addresses to Mr. HITZ and that the Department would discuss the matter with HITZ. For record purposes.

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Legion Post Is Asked to Reject Ex-Red Who Accused Dr. Bunche

A Harlem post of the American Legion demanded Saturday that Manning Johnson, ex-Communist accuser of Dr. Ralph Bunche, be barred from proposed membership in the Theodore Roosevelt Post of the Legion.

In a letter to Maj. Gen. Hugh A. Casey, head of the Roosevelt unit, John D. Silvera, commander of the Jesse Palmer Post, charged Johnson had already been expelled from the Harlem unit.

Johnson, whose testimony against Dr. Bunche, Assistant UN Secretary-General, is now being investigated by the Justice Dept., was recently proposed for membership in the predominantly white Theodore Roosevelt Post.

split in the Roosevelt unit.

In his letter of protest to Casey, Silvera said:

"We hold no brief against any unfortunate individuals who were at one time members of the Communist Party and who now seek to serve our Government by exposing the true nature of the Communist conspiracy. Certainly such persons should not be punished if their motives are found to be sincere.

"Manning Johnson, however, is not the ordinary, run-of-the-mill brand of ex-Commie. Among his very recent acts was an attempt to vilify Dr. Ralph Bunche of the UN as being a security risk of former leftist leanings.

"The Jesse Palmer Post is

proud of Dr. Bunche and his accomplishments. Because he is a Negro, we share a special pride with millions of other loyal democracy-loving people the world over. Certainly an individual who attempts to destroy what Dr. Bunche has so successfully built up is not Legion material.

"It is our purpose at Jesse Palmer to help make a reality of the great preamble to the American Legion constitution. Especially, (to safeguard and transmit to posterity, the principles of justice, freedom and democracy.)

"Manning Johnson and his kind would do nothing but bring discredit to an organization dedicated to those aims."

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Director, FBI (100-36808)
Attn: Administrative Division
SAC, New York (100-25784)

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Re Washington Field air-tel, 2/23/55.

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Derogatory Information

In April 1942, HARRISON JOHNSON advised that he was single,
never having been married, but that [redacted]

JOHNSON advised that he was
arrested during a street demonstration in Buffalo, N. Y., in
1932, in which he was charged with a misdemeanor and fined.

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On 11/24/53, HARRISON JOHNSON voluntarily appeared at the
New York Office and furnished photostatic copies of his past
arrest record in Erie County, Buffalo, N. Y. The photostatic
complaint reads as follows:

On 6/23/34, one JOHN J. DANEZ, 100 South Division St.,
Buffalo, N. Y., filed a complaint in the City of Buffalo, Erie
County, State of New York, before JAMES AL KELLER, Clerk of
the City Court of Buffalo, charging HARRISON JOHNSON with injury
to property to the extent of one hundred dollars. On 11/23/34,
the jury returned a verdict of not guilty before Honorable
Judge COLMAN J. KELLY in the City Court of Buffalo, N. Y.

1-Bureau (100-55627) (HARRISON JOHNSON)
1-San Francisco (100-18274)
2-Washington Field (100-27955)
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ENCLOSURE

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Letter to Director, FBI
NY 100-25784

In 1930 at Buffalo, N. Y., HARRY JOHNSON was arrested for willfully delaying an officer in the performance of his duty, which charge was dismissed.

In 1938 at New York City, he was arrested for disorderly conduct in connection with the Kern and Hardart strike, which charge was dismissed.

On 9/20/48, [redacted] Immigration and Naturalization Service, New York City, advised that he had talked to HARRY JOHNSON and that JOHNSON showed him a subpoena which he had received ordering him to appear in the case of [redacted] perjury and naturalization matter. According to [redacted] JOHNSON "blew up" and said that his current employment was now ruined inasmuch as he had been served the subpoena in the stock room of his employment and that his notoriety as a government witness would be clear in the minds of the union officials of his employment. JOHNSON was very angry because he has been "used" by the government and state agencies and other committees as a witness so often that he has had considerable trouble in obtaining work.

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✓ It is noted that HARRY JOHNSON allegedly admitted under oath that he had lied not only in the case against [redacted] but also when he was a witness in the suit brought against the International Workers Order in New York City [redacted]

In the final edition of the "New York Post", dated 1/30/55, an article appears entitled, "Legion Post is Asked to Reject Ex-Red who Accused Dr. Burch". The article states that a Harlem post of the American Legion demanded that HARRY JOHNSON, ex-Communist accuser of Dr. HARRY BURGESS, be barred from proposed membership in the Theodore Roosevelt post of the Legion.

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Director, FBI (66-2512)

SAC, New York (100-5109)

WALTER WALKIN

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ReNYair-tel to Bureau, 3/23/55 entitled: [redacted]

On 3/9/55 during the course of a Security of Government
Employees investigation entitled " [redacted]

[redacted] Bureau of Security and Consular
Affairs, Department of State, Washington, D. C., (Bufile [redacted]
NYfile [redacted]) Mr. WALTER WALKIN, former Immigration and Naturaliza-
tion Consultant, was contacted at the New York office of the Immigration
and Naturalization Service, 70 Columbus Ave., NY, NY. Immediately upon
contact, Mr. WALKIN inquired, "what is it about?" He was advised that
this inquiry concerned [redacted] to which Mr. WALKIN replied,
"I have nothing to say to the FBI. I am not going to furnish any more
information to the FBI." Mr. WALKIN was then asked if he minded
explaining why he took this position. He stated that he was no longer
employed by the Immigration and Naturalization Service and that he was
through being a "public charter service". At this point the interview
was terminated.

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The Bureau by teletype dated 3/22/55 concerning the [redacted]

[redacted] case requested the NYC to interview WALTER WALKIN.

On 3/21/55 [redacted]

Immigration and Naturalization Service Consultants at 70 Columbus Ave.,
NY, NY, was contacted concerning the present status of WALTER WALKIN
as a consultant for the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

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[redacted] confidentially advised that the
Immigration and Naturalization Service had employed consultants on a
full time basis, but that recently it became necessary to drop these
consultants from the payroll with the understanding that they would be
hired as needed. [redacted] advised that about three or four of the

- 1 - Bureau [redacted]
- 1 - Bureau 66-2512 (WALTER WALKIN)
- 1 - Bureau [redacted] (BENJAMIN GILLOW)
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Letter to Director, FBI
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consultants become provoked at this arrangement and indicated to the Immigration and Naturalization Service that they would not be available on a part-time basis and would no longer cooperate with the Immigration and Naturalization Service. [redacted] advised that MARICE WALKIN is one of the persons who indicated that he would no longer cooperate in furnishing information to that government agency.

[redacted] advised that since MARICE WALKIN was dropped from the payroll as a full time employee, MARICE WALKIN has given the Immigration and Naturalization Service "a rough time" and has refused to cooperate. Mr. BARNETT stated that he is certain that Mrs. WALKIN's attitude will result in "reprisals" to the FBI and other government agencies who attempt to contact him for information. [redacted] advised that he is furnishing this information so that Mr. WALKIN's attitude will be known in the event that any attempt is made to contact Mr. WALKIN in the future. [redacted] also advised that BEN GYLLON, [redacted] and [redacted], former Immigration and Naturalization Service Consultants, have also expressed their dissatisfaction with part-time employment and have indicated that they might no longer cooperate in furnishing information to the Immigration and Naturalization Service. [redacted] stated that he believes MARICE WALKIN (NYfile 65-10519) (Bufile 66-1562) could be persuaded to continue to furnish information to government agencies.

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[redacted] reiterated that the above information was "off the record" in that he did not wish to be quoted concerning any of the information he furnished.

MARICE WALKIN was again contacted by the NYO on 3/23/55 and he again advised that he would not furnish any information to the FBI because of being discharged by the Immigration and Naturalization Service. He stated that he will not cooperate with any government agency until such time as the Attorney General of the United States changes his attitude concerning the employment of consultants by the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

The above is being furnished to the Bureau for information.

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NY, NY
10/7/55

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ISIDORE GIBBY NEEDLEMAN, was; IS-R; ISA of 1950.

On 6/22/55, [redacted] * advised a [redacted] (ph) visited NEEDLEMAN. Both men discussed the [redacted] case. NEEDLEMAN explained how [redacted] testimony (INS witness) was discredited. (This information on [redacted] as made available to [redacted] has previously been furnished Bureau.)

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During conversation [redacted] (ph) mentioned he is [redacted] that it is about half finished and he desires to use the information about [redacted] NEEDLEMAN explained how INS would use (to testify) [redacted] and MARVIN JOHNSON if a rehearing was held on [redacted] * advised NEEDLEMAN departed for [redacted] date at this point.

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Later the same day NEEDLEMAN and [] resumed conversation. [] mentioned he was doing some work on [] and it is along "the same line they are following down in Washington." [] asked if GIBBY knew the story of [] in connection with Amtorg. NEEDLEMAN explained that []

NEEDLEMAN said he (N) was asked by Amtorg to contact [] and find out when the contract was to expire (Intourist?) because Amtorg might take it over. NEEDLEMAN said [] was "snotty" when he talked to her and shortly after that he sent her a letter in behalf of Intourist informing [] that her contract had been cancelled. NEEDLEMAN said they gave the business to [] (ph), Hearn's Dept. Store and World Tourist. NEEDLEMAN said he had contact with [] from 1943 to 1950. NEEDLEMAN said [] was a lonely man but had a way with women. []

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[] NEEDLEMAN mentioned that HARRIMAN was the architect of the cold war when upon his return to the US he convinced TRUMAN to fight them with force. NEEDLEMAN mentioned he wondered "why didn't they press charges against the people she named?" GERRY mentioned "she was as phony as a three dollar bill." NEEDLEMAN mentioned that []

[] NEEDLEMAN stated all of [] dealings with Amtorg were innocent but there might have been times when it was necessary she "check with the Dept. of Commerce regarding market prices and such." (Thus explaining why [] contacted Governmental employees.)

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NEEDLEMAN said the US and all other countries have spy centers all over the world. NEEDLEMAN described [redacted] in obscene words and stated he disagrees with [redacted]

that everything is a frameup. In concluding the conversation NEEDLEMAN mentioned that [redacted] has no scruples and NANNING JOHNSON "can be coached to say anything." NEEDLEMAN mentioned the Canadians had stopped him from entering Canada and concluded with "give my regards to [redacted] departed. (portions of conversation were un audible to [redacted])

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Submitted for Bureau's information. Bureau to be immediately advised if any additional information becomes available. If disseminated [redacted] must be protected.

[redacted] inquiry being conducted to determine extent of activity in connection with above.

SAC, NEW YORK (100-78633)

11/7/55

SA [redacted] (#6)

ISIDORE GIBBY NEEDLEMAN, was,
IS-R, ISA of 1950

SOURCE: [redacted] *

RELIABILITY: Who has furnished reliable information in
the past.

DATE OF ACTIVITY: 10/24/55

[redacted] (?) contacted GIBBY and GIBBY briefed him on
tomorrow's deportation hearing. He advised [redacted] to decline to be
sworn and to make no comment whatever, not even plead the Fifth
Amendment. If the hearing examiner rules that [redacted] is to be sworn
he still need not answer questions, GIBBY said "Let them prove
you are a member of the Communist Party." GIBBY asked [redacted] if he
had ever made any statement to INS.

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[redacted] GIBBY told him
that Supreme Court has ruled that past membership is sufficient
grounds for deportation and that he should not identify the
statement he made to INS. GIBBY told [redacted] to "give the S. O. B.
as much trouble as possible." GIBBY said he expected JOHNSON,
[redacted] might be witnesses.

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In October, 1955, the UERMWA published a document entitled, "Matles Case Manual." This is a 45 page booklet. It is maintained as bulky exhibit in NY file 100-13644-1A 1264. *CVU*

The original document was made available to the Cincinnati Office on 1/11/56 by [REDACTED]

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One portion of this booklet is entitled, "Informers."

Attached to this memo is a Photostat of that portion of the booklet that relates to the individual named therein and to whose file a copy of the memo is designated.

The names [REDACTED] have been indexed.

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- 1 - [REDACTED]
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1 - NY 65-10519 (MANNING JOHNSON) (7-4)
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Yet Paul Crouch earned \$9,675 from the Department of Justice in two years of witnessing. Before he became a paid stoolpigeon, Crouch earned 85¢ an hour as an airline employee. 1/

Manning Johnson -- testified against Harry Bridges. He testified that he had been present at a Communist convention in New York City on a particular date. There was no question about it. He gave the day, the date, the time and where he saw Harry Bridges at a Communist convention. But there was irrefutable evidence that Harry Bridges was at a Longshore meeting attending to the business of his Union members in a place called Stockton, California!

In another case, Johnson testified that a University of Washington professor attended a Communist Party or Communist school in Kingston, N.Y. for six weeks in the summer of 1938. But documentary evidence showed beyond any question or doubt that the professor was not in New York state during that entire period. The Attorney General of the State of Washington had to conclude that Johnson simply had not been telling the truth, and the professor was reinstated. 2/

The Alsop brothers said it is proper to describe a witness such as Manning Johnson as a "professional" having been credited with earnings of \$9,096 for a two year period.

Johnson testified against Dr. Ralph Bunche of the United Nations. A loyalty board of the UN itself heard the testimony and unanimously cleared Dr. Ralph Bunche. Johnson's entire testimony was forwarded by this UN Committee to Attorney General Brownell with a recommendation that it be studied for possible perjury charges. But to date, Brownell has ignored the recommendation.

Johnson was asked during a certain case:

Q. "In other words you will tell a lie under oath in a court of law rather than run counter to your instructions from the FBI. Is that right?"

A. "If the interests of my government are at stake. In the face of enemies at home and abroad, if maintaining secrecy of the techniques or methods of operation of the FBI, who have responsibility of the protection of our people, I say I will do it a thousand times."

1/ Source: The Kept Witnesses by Richard Rovere, Harpers Magazine, May 1955.

2/ Source: Democratic Digest, November 1954.

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

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USA THOMAS A. BOLAN, SINY, advised SA [redacted] on 6/13/56, that [redacted] is being prosecuted in the SINY for making a false statement at an Immigration and Naturalization proceeding.

BOLAN stated that in accordance with instructions set forth in letter dated 5/20/55, to USA from Deputy Attorney General ROGERS, he requests a central indices check on prospective government witnesses MANNING JOHNSON and BENJAMIN GITLOW.

USA BOLAN's request is being referred to the Bureau in accordance with instructions set forth in Section J, SAC letter 55-40, dated 6/21/55.

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It should be noted that the prosecution of [redacted] is a non-Bureau case. MANNING JOHNSON and BENJAMIN GITLOW are former members of the Communist Party, who have been used as consultants and witnesses by the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

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Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins

June 21, 1956

Director, FBI

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Assistant United States Attorney Thomas A. Bolan, Southern District of New York, advised that the subject is being prosecuted in the Southern District of New York for making a false statement at an Immigration and Naturalization proceeding. In connection with this case, Mr. Bolan advised that he is considering as prospective Government witnesses, Benjamin Gitlow and Manning Johnson. Mr. Bolan has requested information concerning them.

Information regarding Johnson and Gitlow is in the possession of the Department. Also, FBI files show that Benjamin Gitlow was cleared for future use as a Government witness by the Departmental Committee on Security Witnesses according to the minutes of the meeting of that committee on April 26, 1955.

The Departmental Committee on Security Witnesses, according to the minutes of a meeting on May 19, 1955, concluded that Manning Johnson may be used as a Government witness in any instance in which he is a desirable and material witness and what he will testify to is corroborated.

Mr. Bolan will be furnished the above information and it will be suggested to him that any question regarding the utilization of these individuals as witnesses should be taken up with the Department of Justice.

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2 cc - New York (100-116893)

Note SAC, New York:

Furnish the information to Bolan. Advise him that the background of Johnson and Gitlow is known to the Department and the Immigration and Naturalization Service and suggest any questions regarding them should be addressed to the Department.

Handwritten:
Bolan advised 6/26/56
U.S.A. advised 6/24/56

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201 East 64th Street
New York 22, New York

June 27, 1956

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Honorable Paul W. Williams
United States Attorney
Southern District of New York
United States Court House
Foley Square
New York 7, New York

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ON 8/17/00

Attention: Assistant United States Attorney Thomas A.
Bolton, Southern District of New York

Re: [redacted]

My dear Mr. Williams:

Reference is made to the request of Assistant
United States Attorney Thomas A. Bolton for a central
indices check of the Federal Bureau of Investigation
concerning Manning Johnson and Benjamin Gitlow, who are
being considered as possible witnesses in prospective
action against [redacted].

You are advised that the background of both
Manning Johnson and Benjamin Gitlow is known to the
Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., and to the
Immigration and Naturalization Service. It is suggested
that any questions regarding their use as witnesses be
addressed to the Department.

For your information, the files of the
Federal Bureau of Investigation show that Benjamin Gitlow
was cleared for future use as a government witness by the
Departmental Committee on Security Witnesses according to
the minutes of the meeting of that Committee on April 24,
1955. The Departmental Committee on Security Witnesses
according to the minutes of the meeting on May 19, 1955,
concluded that Manning Johnson may be used as a government

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witness in any instance in which he is a desirable and material witness and that he will testify to is corroborated.

This letter is loaned to you by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and neither it nor its contents are to be distributed outside of the agency to which loaned.

Very truly yours,

JAMES J. KELLY
Special Agent in Charge

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
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Special Agent in Charge
New York, New York

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RE: MANNING JOHNSON,
with alias;
INTERNAL SECURITY

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Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith a photostatic
copy of a custodial detention card relating to

MANNING JOHNSON, with alias
Apartment 2F
54 East 129th Street
New York, New York

for appropriate and expeditious attention in
accordance with existing Bureau instructions.

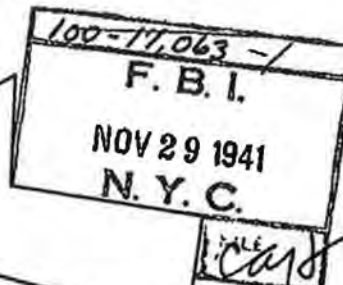
Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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John Edgar Hoover
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TITLE MANNING JOHNSON, alias Rudolph Johnson			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: No information in addition to that appearing on subject's custodial detention card obtained relative to his Communist Party activities. No indication of any present connection with Communist Party. Subject is presently President of the Bartenders and Restaurant Employees Union, Local #341, affiliated with the U.R.W. & D.S.E. of America, C.I.O. He resides at 54 East 129th Street, N.Y.C.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- 0 -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated November 28, 1941 to New York. 439740</p> <p>DETAILS: This investigation is predicated upon reference letter which transmitted to the New York Field Division a photostatic copy of the custodial detention card relating to subject and requested that appropriate attention be given to the matter in accordance with existing Bureau instructions.</p> <p>✓ Subject was thoroughly interviewed by the writer relative to his former connection with the Communist Party of the U.S.A., at which time he reported most of the information as set out in the photostatic copy of subject's custodial detention card, but furnished no additional information relative to his former activities in the Communist Party. He advised that since his expulsion from the Communist Party and the severing of his connection as business representative of the Cafeteria Employees Union, Local #302, A.F. of L., which he held until December 31, 1940, he has had no further dealings with the Communist Party and has never entered into any Communist Party activities.</p> <p>Subject advised the writer that he is presently President of the Bartenders and Restaurant Employees Union, Local #341, affiliated with the U.R.W. & D.S.E. of America, C.I.O., and that he still resides at 54 East 129th Street, N.Y.C.</p>			
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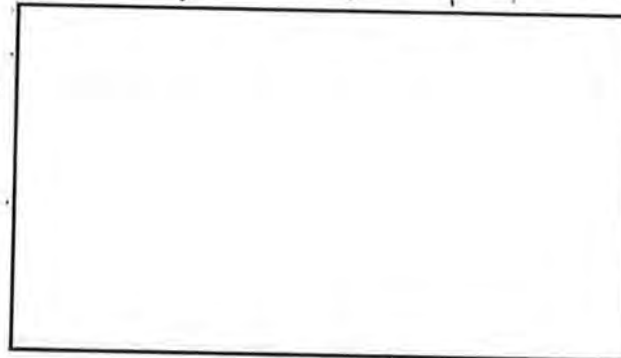
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From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: INTERNAL SECURITY, CUSTODIAL DETENTION LIST

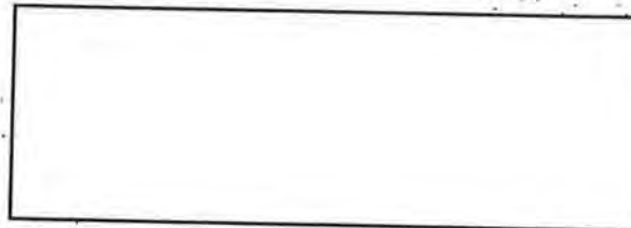
There are listed below for your information tentative dangerous-
ness classifications on Custodial Detention Subjects who are located in
your territory.

NAME AND ADDRESSCLASSIFICATION

Johnson, Manning, with alias
Apartment 2F
54 E. 129th Street
New York, New York

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United States Department of Justice

New York, 7, New York

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MEMORANDUM

RE: MANNING JOHNSON, wa.;
INTERNAL SECURITY (C)
Security matter - C

The information in instant file was reviewed and compared with the information appearing on the Security Index Card. The file indicates as of June 23, 1942 (date on which report of Special Agent [redacted] was written), was at that time President of the BAR TENDERS & RESTAURANT EMPLOYEES UNION, Local 341, affiliated with the UMW and DSE of AMERICA, CIO. This latter employment should be indicated on the Security Index Card as the last known employer.

The other information appearing on the Security Index Card is in accordance with that appearing in the file.

S.1 Card not being changed
as info. above is dated June 23, 1942
Should be re-checked.



Special Agent

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FILE NO. 49-26

AIR MAIL

February 2, 1948

Commissioner of Customs
Division of Investigations and Patrol
Treasury Department
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Deputy Commissioner

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Sir:

As of possible interest to the Bureau, there is outlined herein a resume of certain testimony given by witnesses before the State of Washington Unamerican Activities Committee, known as "The Canwell Committee," which is inquiring particularly into communist infiltration and communist activities in the State of Washington, with particular reference to their infiltration into certain organizations such as the Old Age Pension Union, and others. The name "Canwell Committee" is derived from the name of the chairman of the committee, which consists of four Republican and two Democratic State of Washington legislators.

To date this committee, particularly through its investigative staff, [redacted] has done a remarkable job. The type of witness obtained and the testimony and documentary and photographic evidence has been sensational. They have done an excellent job of scraping the vermin from the cracks. There has been some testimony which is of interest to customs. For example, one witness, a former communist high in party circles, MANNING JOHNSON, a very intelligent negro, among many other revelations, stated that in 1933 he was communist party organizer at Buffalo, New York, and as such was in charge of all communist activities in that area. He stated that in 1933 the communist party was outlawed in Canada and it became necessary for all communists to be very careful and where possible to "go underground". This put an end to all open propaganda activities in Canada and made it necessary to smuggle propaganda material, books, papers, letters and documents, into Canada; that this was accomplished by smuggling the material into Canada through the port of Buffalo, New York, where the communist party maintained a number of "drops". This material was then smuggled into Canada, according to Johnson, by use of automobiles in which secret compartments had been built, sometimes in the roof of the automobile, or in the sides, and they were 100% successful because the material was always carried into Canada by what he described as "a Canadian customs inspector" and that the same system was used at Detroit. This went on over a period of many months. He further stated that the man whom he described as a Canadian customs

inspector, when going into Canada with the smuggled material, "had a green light" as his fellow customs officers never suspected him and always extended him the courtesy of passing him through without searching the car. He described this as "a pipe-line to Canada" from Buffalo and Detroit. He further stated in his testimony that this was part of the machinery used in conveying atomic bomb secrets at later dates. He was questioned as to the identity of this Canadian customs inspector and his name, which witness Johnson was unable to furnish at that time, but stated he had some code notes and would furnish it at a later date. If the name of this person is ever made available to me I will submit it forthwith to the Bureau. He was further questioned if this was a two-way smuggling proposition and testified that it wasn't necessary at that time but "If you can take it over you can bring it back". He was questioned as to whether there had been any customs officers involved, to which he testified there had not; that they had never got to them.

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There has been a great deal of testimony before this legislative committee hearing which so far has identified at least nine former State of Washington legislators, all elected as Democrats, but who were, according to testimony, actually members of the communist party. This has been confirmed by certain of those legislators who have also testified and admitted their communist party affiliations.

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It is expected that this hearing will go on for about ten days to two weeks longer, and that there will be a steady procession of former communists who have deserted the communist cause for various reasons.

I have sat in at these sessions when possible. The information I have already picked up, as outlined in the foregoing, indicates to me the value of my attendance at these sessions. Further report will be made to the Bureau of anything of interest which comes to my attention.

Very truly yours,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

TRUE COPY

United States Department of Justice
Immigration and Naturalization Service
70 Columbus Avenue
New York, 23, N. Y.

March 17th, 1953.

Mr. Soley, Bail Bond Dept.,
National Surety Corp.,
320 Broadway,
New York, New York

Dear Sir:

Mr. Manning Johnson has advised me that he has made application with your corporation for part time employment and has requested a letter of recommendation covering his period of employment with this Service.

Mr. Johnson is presently employed by this Service as a consultant on a part time basis and has been so employed since April of 1950. We have always found Mr. Johnson to be punctual, cooperative and industrious. His integrity has always been beyond question.

From my own personal contact and association with Mr. Johnson I am very pleased to recommend him.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

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NATIONAL SURETY CORPORATION
Bail Bond Department
320 Broadway
Room 1205
New York 7, N.Y.

April 29th, 1953.

Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington,
District of Columbia.

Dear Sirs:

Attached hereto is copy of a letter from
U. S. Department of Justice Immigration and Naturalization Service,
70 Columbus Avenue, dated March 17th, 1953.

We have been informed that Mr. Manning
Johnson was, but is no longer, a member of an undesirable political
party and since then he has co-operated with [redacted]

[redacted] of your organization.

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We understand that you can recommend Mr.
Manning Johnson as a loyal American citizen.

Please advise us.

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Copies of correspondent's letter and the enclosure are forwarded for your information and the completion of your files.

Manning Johnson is the subject of a closed Security Matter - C case, New York origin, New York file 100-17063.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

Date: 9/21/53.

FROM : [redacted] SA

SUBJECT: MANNING JOHNSON -
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By letter dated 9/18/53 received 9/21/53, the WFO forwarded to both the Bureau and NYO four pamphlets captioned "Investigation of Communist Activities in the New York City Area" Parts five to eight. These pamphlets contain the transcript of the testimony of the witnesses who appeared at HCUA hearings on July 6, 7, 8, 13 and 14, 1953. The pamphlets are maintained in the FBI library of the NYO.

The testimony of the above captioned individual appear at pages Part 7 and 8. Photostatic copies of these pages are attached on the American Artwork House of Reproductions attached. After they are reviewed return to Library.

By letter dated 6/8/53 captioned "House Committee On Un-American Activities" the Bureau set forth instructions concerning the handling of testimony of witnesses who appeared before the HCUA and it is suggested that these instructions be complied with in regard to the testimony of the above captioned individual.

The above Bulet stated as follows

"The Bureau desires at this time to set out the policy to be followed in connection with the handling of HCUA testimony."

"It is desired that the Washington Field Office maintain close liaison with the HCUA to determine the identity of persons to be subpoenaed so that it may be ascertained whether any Bureau informants or sources of information are involved, whether the investigation of a pending case may be interfered with and so that up-to-date reports may be submitted on proposed witnesses. It is desired that current reports be submitted on individuals active in Communist Party affairs and these reports should be received by the Bureau prior to the beginning of the hearings. No report is necessary on persons merely having knowledge of such activities without active participation therein. The Bureau should be immediately advised as to the identity of such persons, as well as the identity of any informants or sources of information who are subpoenaed."

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"Where it is found that hearings will be held in another city, Washington Field should advise the appropriate office of that fact, along with the instructions set out hereinafter."

"As the hearings are held, it is desired that liaison be maintained so that copies of the testimony, both public and executive session, can be obtained. The Bureau should be kept currently advised of any pertinent developments affecting the investigation of any Bureau case. It will be incumbent on the office covering the location of the hearings to maintain liaison with the HCUA and with Washington Field Office to insure that transcripts of all testimony are secured."

"Two copies of the testimony should be obtained. One copy should be forwarded to the Bureau for the attention of the Records Section for indexing purposes. Executive testimony should be clearly marked "Executive Session Testimony, Do Not Disseminate."

"The other copy of the testimony should be forwarded to the office covering the location of the hearings for review and dissemination."

"The testimony should be reviewed first of all as to the witness himself and a determination made as to whether an investigation should be initiated or reopened, whether the subject should be included in the Security Index, whether he should be interviewed or any other appropriate action taken. Where the witness does not reside within the territory of the office where the hearings are held, all pertinent information in the testimony should be forwarded to the appropriate office under the individual's caption and that office should make the decision as to any action necessary."

"In the event a witness furnishes information concerning others, this should be reviewed and channelized to the appropriate files where it pertains to a subject within the territory of the reviewing office. Where it pertains to an individual residing elsewhere, all pertinent information should be furnished to the appropriate office under the caption of the individual to whom it pertains, along with appropriate instructions to review and take any action necessary."

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"Where the identity of an individual mentioned in the testimony cannot be determined, this information should be submitted to the Bureau under the individual caption with the request that Bureau files be checked and the information forwarded to the appropriate field office.

"As the review of the testimony progresses, a letter should be written to the Bureau on each witness and on each person identified in the testimony as active in the Communist Party or related activities, along with a statement as to action taken and any recommendation.

"Where hearings are held outside Washington, D.C., the appropriate office should advise the Bureau within one week after the transcripts of the testimony have been received that a review of the testimony has begun and the approximate date the review will be completed. Each week thereafter the office should advise the Bureau as to the percentage of the review completed. After the review of the testimony has been completed, the Bureau should be advised of this fact, along with a statement that letters have been submitted to the Bureau under the individual caption on each witness and person named therein and the action recommended on each.

"Where hearings are held in Washington, D.C., concerning activities elsewhere, the testimony should be furnished to the appropriate office as outlined above. Where the testimony pertains to activities in Washington, D.C., the Washington Field Office should take any action necessary on individuals who are the subjects of Washington cases.

"In the recent past, hearings have been held in New York City concerning the educational and the entertainment fields. The Bureau desires that the above instructions be followed in connection with the review of the testimony concerning these hearings and any hearings which may be held in the future. The Bureau further desires to be advised as to the status of the review of the testimony taken at hearings which have already been held in New York City.

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Phila Rep. 5/11/43 Re

National Negro Congress -

D.S.R.

"The Trade Union Section, held on Sat., Oct. 16, and Sun., Oct. 17, 1937, was divided into four groups. One group concerned with "Industrial Unionism and the Negro" was participated in by the following individuals:

Among those listed is MANNING JOHNSON of NYC, Delegate from the Cafeteria Workers Union, Local # 302, A.F.L.

The above info was obtained from the "Annual Program" of the 2nd National Negro Congress, of which photostatic copies are being retained in the file of the Phila. Field Div.

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NY Rep 5/15/43: SA [redacted] Re:
Foreign Inspired Agitation Among the
American Negroes in the N.Y.C.
Internal Security.

"On 4/1/43, the People's Committee held
a meeting at Golden Gate Auditorium, 142nd
St. and Lenox Ave., N.Y.C. in protest against
the Press Union Campaign against Crime
in Harlem. ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, JR.
was chairman. The speakers included
MANNING JOHNSON, former member of the
National Committee of the Communist Party.

no other info given

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In a signed statement, PAUL CROUCH,
stated ^{that} the possibility of MANNING JOHNSON being
connected with [redacted] and
[redacted] is good.

Statement rec'd 2/18/52 from WFO. Subm.
by S.A. [redacted] on 4/28/52.

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MANNING JOHNSON

SELECTIVE SERVICE RECORDS - 1940 ACT:

REGISTRATION CARD - Manning-Rudolph Johnson; Order No. 2631; Address: 54 E. 129 Street, NYC; Born 12/17/07 in Washington, DC; Person who will always know address: [redacted]; Employer: [redacted], 701 8th Ave., NYC; Negro, 5'-11 1/2", 172 lbs., brown eyes, black hair, dark brown complexion; Registered 10/16/40; Local Board 56, NYC.

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DSS FORM 40--QUESTIONNAIRE--dtd 5/12/41:

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Social Security No. [redacted]

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Education: 9 years elementary, 4 years high school.

Occupation: Business Representative, Local 302, American Federation of Labor; 8 years experience; Lists Employer as [redacted] Secretary, Cafeteria Employees Union, 701 8th Ave., NYC.

Single

Lists dependent as [redacted]

Classified 3A 9/25/41

Reclassified 1A 1/4/44

Reclassified 1C 2/29/44

Reclassified 1C-Disc. 6/19/46.

DSS FORM 311--OCCUPATIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE--dtd 10/27/42:

Present Job: Manager; Bar & Grill Employees Union Local 341, CIO, 35 W. 125 St., NYC.

DSS FORM 41--FAMILY STATUS QUESTIONNAIRE--dtd 1/2/43:

Single; states he was never married to the [redacted] that her address is unknown; (name not given).

Louise Russell, 42, sister, Washington, DC

Eleanor Dade, 44, sister, Washington, DC.

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Registrant states he is self-employed as an author and writer; that he is writing a book on labor based on his 14 years' experience as an organizer of labor; states he is self-employed at 830 St. Nicholas Avenue, NYC.

Change of address, 2/16/43: 830 St. Nicholas Ave., NYC.

By let dtd 3/21/43 registrant advised that [redacted]

On 12/11/43 registrant advised he was employed as President and Manager of Bartenders & Rest. Employees Association of Greater New York.

DSS FORM 221--REPORT OF INDUCTION:

Beneficiary: [redacted]

JESSE PALMER POST No. 1066

304 WEST 133RD STREET

NEW YORK 30, N. Y.

P. A. Carney - Comdr



The Federal Bureau of Investigation
N.Y.C. Branch
280 Broadway
N.Y.C.

Jesse Palmer Post No. 1068

AMERICAN



LEGION

304 West 133rd Street

New York 30, N. Y.

FOundation 8-7904

MEETING NIGHTS 1st & 3rd SATURDAYS

To: The Federal Bureau of Investigation
290 Broadway
N.Y.C.

1/2/54

Gentlemen:

Will you kindly advise me as to the Loyalty status of Manning Johnson--1536 Lexington Ave, and who is reportedly employed at 70 Columbus Ave. This man has applied for membership in our Post, and his application has been challenged. We must know if his Political activities are of a nature detrimental to the welfare of our Country. A prompt answer would be appreciated to avoid embarrassment to all concerned, Thank you. I remain,

Sincerely Yours,



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290 Broadway
New York 7, New York

January 8, 1954

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[Redacted]
Jesse Palmer Post No. 1068
American Legion
304 West 133rd Street
New York 30, New York

Dear [Redacted]:

Your letter of January 2, 1954 has been received and I wish to advise you that the records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation are of a very confidential nature and it is not permissible to make available information in these records to the public without the approval of the Attorney General.

Consideration is being given to your request and I wish to advise you that the matter is being referred to our Washington, D. C. headquarters.

Very truly yours,

LELAND V. BOARDMAN
Special Agent in Charge

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Director, FBI

SAC, New York

MANNING JOHNSON

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There is attached hereto a letter directed to this office by [redacted] Jesse Palmer Post No. 1068, American Legion, 304 West 133rd Street, New York 30, N. Y. For the Bureau's information, [redacted] letter has been acknowledged and he has been advised of the confidential nature of Bureau records which makes it impossible to comply with his request, but that his inquiry has been referred to the Bureau headquarters in Washington, D. C.

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This matter is being referred to the Bureau for appropriate action.

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Spy Places Ben Gold at Wrong Meeting

WASHINGTON, March 9. — The Government stoop-pigeon, Manning Johnson, was caught in a flat misstatement of fact under cross-examination in the trial of Ben Gold, president of the International Fur and Leather Workers Union. Gold is on trial for allegedly falsely signing a Taft-Hartley non-Communist affidavit.

All morning Johnson had spun an elaborate story of Gold's supposedly prominent activities at the 1938 convention of the Communist Party. He said Gold was a main speaker at a Madison Square Garden rally which concluded the convention.

But Johnson's seemingly phenomenal memory suddenly failed him when Vito Marcantonio, defense counsel, presented him with a copy of the N. Y. Times of May 27, 1938, date of the Garden meeting. The Times reported Gold addressing two mass meetings of fur workers at the Royal Windsor and Hippodrome in New York at the same time the Garden meeting was taking place. The fur meetings were to ratify a contract ending a strike.

Although Johnson had been led on by the prosecution to describe the '38 convention in detail, including the hall decorations, he suddenly could not even recall who was the chairman of the Garden meeting after it was demonstrated Gold could not possibly have been there.

Johnson was caught again on his statement that a person could not resign from the Communist Party, only expelled. Shown a copy of the Party constitution by defense counsel he then admitted a person could be dropped for non-payment of dues.

Gold, when he signed the T-H affidavit three years ago, had announced he was compelled to sever his 30-year membership in the Communist Party.

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Spy's Lying Exposed at Ben Gold Trial

WASHINGTON, March 10.—Manning Johnson, prosecution witness against Ben Gold, president of the International Fur and Leather Workers Union, admitted under cross-examination today that he had testified he would lie a thousand times under oath to follow the instructions of the FBI. He had testified to this effect in the Steve Nelson case, it was brought out by defense attorney Vito Marcantonio.

It was also brought out that Johnson had lied under direct examination about the 1936 and 1938 Communist Party conventions, about the conduct of May Day parades and about the program of the Trade Union Unity League.

Johnson had testified in about 30 cases of the Department of Justice, he said, and since 1930 has been on the payroll of the Department under annual contract. Before he began his present job, he said, he was a paid official of the Bartenders Union and at the same time a paid F.B.I. under-cover agent.

He had testified that the 1938 Communist Party Convention had taken place at St. Nicholas Arena and that the slogans had called for violent revolution. The cross-examination revealed that the convention had taken place at the Hotel Center and that the slogans had been for jobs, security, democracy and peace.

Similarly, the 1936 Convention slogans had called for social security, unemployment insurance, the release of stored food supplies and the organization of the un-

organized—not for revolt and the formation of a Soviet America as Johnson had testified.

Johnson had ascribed to TUUL the goal of violent overthrow of the U. S. Government. Actually, as shown in the cross-examination, its program was based on organizing the unorganized, forming industrial unions and ending discrimination in unions. These three points have been the objective of Communists in the labor movement since 1919, Johnson admitted under cross examination, and were also the same as those of John L. Lewis in founding the CIO.

Johnson had testified that only Communists who are close supporters of the party could speak at May Day celebrations or at other Communist-dominated events. Under cross-examination, he admitted that Amicus Most, a prominent Socialist Party leader, was the executive secretary of the 1938 United May Day Committee; that Jack Altman, an anti-Communist official of the Retail Union, and Charles Zimmerman of the ILGWU who had been expelled from the party, were among the speakers.

In 1938, he admitted, Rep. Adam Clayton Powell and Father Devine had been among the New York May Day speakers.

He had testified that a Communist Party member cannot resign, but now he admitted that there had been wide fluctuation in party membership.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

DATE: 4-22-54

FROM : [REDACTED], SA (100-17063)

SUBJECT: Manning Johnson
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By report of SA [REDACTED] dated 3/16/54 at
Seattle, captioned [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] information was set out concerning captioned
subject obtained during an interview of [REDACTED] by
agents of the Seattle office on 2/24/54 and 2/26/54. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Subject known to [REDACTED] as CP
functionary in NY area, 1934-38.

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Subject was unable to use that material. [REDACTED]
pointed out it could be used in Smith Act cases. [REDACTED]
mentioned that the subject should go into the matter of
[REDACTED] earning over \$8600 in less than a year in fees,
which [REDACTED] has a tendency to play down, [REDACTED]
also mentioned [REDACTED] connections with one [REDACTED]
and others, which subject said he could not use.

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United States Government

TO: SAC, NY

DATE: NOV 29 1954

FROM: [REDACTED] SA

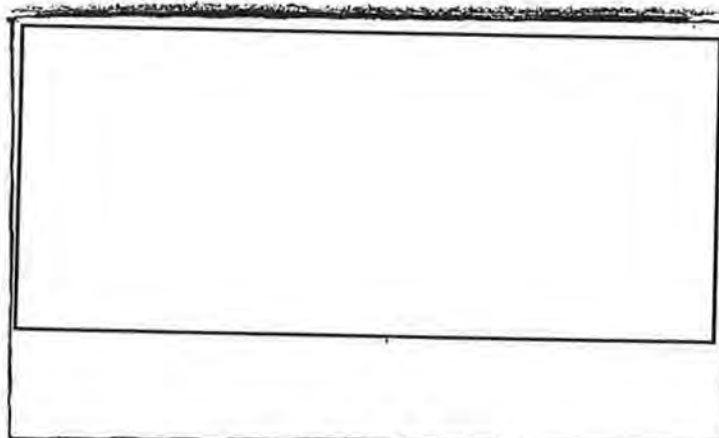
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On November 8 and 9, 1954, [REDACTED] advised that
the attached information was in the possession of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

If this information is placed in a report it must
be carefully paraphrased to conceal the informant. Care should
be also taken in any subsequent investigation to protect the
highly confidential nature of the informant, as well as the
extent of the subject's connection with the Underground.

The original films furnished by [REDACTED] are
located in 100-16854-1B7.

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Swank Legion Post Splits on Ex-Communist

The swanky Theodore Roosevelt Jr. post of the American Legion has split wide open on admitting to membership a former Communist who was a national Negro organizer for the party, the World-Telegram and Sun learned today.

In a stormy meeting last night at the Press Box Restaurant, 139 E. 45th St., some 120 members of Post 1755, most of them advertising and business executives in the midtown area, refused to give unanimous approval to the membership nomination of Manning Johnson, the former Communist.

Bitter Accusations.

Opposition to Mr. Johnson centered around his testimony before a U.S. loyalty board on Dr. Ralph Bunche, Nobel Peace Prize winner and head of the Trusteeship Department last May.

Members attending the meeting last night said that several Negro members vehemently objected to Mr. Johnson's approval for membership. They said accusations were so bitter that Mr. Johnson abruptly left the meeting before the vote was taken.

Not Confirms.

Maj. Gen. Hugh J. Casey, commander of the post and chairman of the Transit Authority, presided. He said "I will not comment on the nature of the controversy" but added:

"Mr. Johnson's nomination was not confirmed. A resolution was adopted calling for a mail poll of the post's membership to see if Mr. Johnson would be voted in."

A former commander of the post, Fred Benham, said that Mr. Johnson, long ago cleared as a former Communist by the Department of Justice, had been nominated by Archibald Roosevelt. Mr. Benham also said Mr. Roosevelt sent him a telegram at the meeting. "He told me in the wire that he was getting out of the Legion if Mr. Johnson is not accepted," said Mr. Benham.

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TO : SAC, Philadelphia (100-3235)

DATE: 1/25/55

FROM : SAC, New York (100-42395)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]
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On 12/28/54, [REDACTED] who should be described
of unknown reliability, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] was interviewed by SAS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

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[REDACTED] He advised that
he knew the following persons to have been District
Organizers of the CP:

Buffalo

MANNING JOHNSON

CaliforniaWILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]b6
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[REDACTED]

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1- [REDACTED]
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1-San Francisco (100-) (SCHNEIDERMAN)

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Letter to SAC, Philadelphia
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Harlem Vets Ask Legion Post Bar Stoolie

The largely white Theodore Roosevelt Post of the American Legion was asked Saturday by the Harlem Post to bar Manning Johnson from membership because of his attack on Dr. Ralph Bunche.

The Roosevelt Post is considering a proposal to admit the government stoopigeon.

A letter from John D. Silvers, commander of the Harlem unit, the Jesse Palmer Post, appeared to OK informer acts in what Silvers called "exposing the true nature of the Communist conspiracy."

Silvers told Maj. Gen. Hugh A. Sacey, head of the Roosevelt Post, however, that the Palmer Post took pride in Dr. Bunche, assistant UN secretary general, and his accomplishments, and resented Johnson's "attempt to vilify" the UN official.

The Justice Department is sifting Johnson's testimony that Bunche was a security risk. The Negro stoopigeon who has been used in innumerable deportation cases, Smith Act and other trials, claimed to see some ex-leftist leanings on the part of Bunche.

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COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERS -
U. S. ATTORNEY

8/18/50

SP 2 ALM/HLC

3/10/56 The U. S. Attorney's Office, Los Angeles, received a letter dated 3/10/56 from the Department of Justice which is in the nature of a form letter signed by WILLIAM F. ROHM, Deputy Attorney General. It would appear this letter went to the various U. S. Attorneys throughout the United States. Two photostatic copies of this letter are enclosed herewith for the Bureau, and photostatic copies have been retained in the Los Angeles Office for possible future reference.

This letter states that when the U. S. Attorney knows or has reason to believe that a former member of the CP is to testify as a witness for the Government the trial attorney shall first obtain through the local field office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation a central indices check on such witness. He should also request the local office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service to furnish him with any material which the Service may have relating to the witness. In the event he obtains derogatory information sufficient to question the witness' reliability, he should forward this information to the Department with his recommendation as to the use of the witness. In such a case the witness shall not be called to the stand without prior authority from the Department.

Los Angeles during the past several weeks has received letters from the Los Angeles U. S. Attorney's Office requesting such a central indices check in connection with the cases entitled U.S. v. [redacted] Civil No. [redacted] U.S. v. [redacted] Civil No. [redacted] Possible Re-vestigation Proceedings.

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[redacted] With regard to the [redacted]
the individuals were listed; [redacted] are [redacted]
cases, the follow-

Defendant, ~~Indonesian~~
MARSHALL TIMMONS, 1336 Lexington Ave., New York City, N. Y.

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In connection with the [] case, the following individuals were listed:

The letters from the U. S. Attorney's Office request advice as to whether derogatory information exists sufficient to question the witnesses' reliability. If there is any reason why use of the above witnesses will not be satisfactory or they will not be "satisfying," the U. S. Attorney's Office should be so advised.

It would appear that each office who has handled the above individual in the past would be in the best position to know whether the individual has any background which would make it undesirable to use him as a witness. However in view of the wording of the department letter, it would appear that each time a witness is to be used a central index card, 1-9, contact with the Bureau, is necessary. Advice from the Bureau would be requested as to whether it is necessary that, prior to giving this information to the U. S. Attorney, Bureau clearance is needed or is it sufficient to have the various offices advise the Los Angeles Office directly with the information which may be furnished the local U. S. Attorney?

Receiving advice from the Bureau and the other to expedite handling of the U. S. Attorney's request, offices revealing copies of this letter are requested to promptly furnish the Bureau and U.S. a brief summary of the background of the individuals listed in their territory. I.A. will furnish also Bureau a brief summary of the information which will be furnished the U. S. Attorney's Office when advice is received from the Bureau outlining such dissemination on the following individuals:

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SAC, Los Angeles

March 7, 1956

Director, FBI (100-413105)

PERSONAL ATTENTION

EX-COMMUNIST AS WITNESSES

Reurlet dated February 27, 1956, captioned
"Communist Party Witnesses - U. S. Attorney."

Your attention is directed to Section J, SAC
Letter 55-40 dated June 21, 1955, captioned "Government
Witnesses - Security Matters" which advised all offices
of the forwarding to United States Attorneys (USA's) of
the May 20, 1955, letter from Deputy Attorney General Rogers
concerning action to be taken by the various USA's relative
to the use of ex-Communists as Government witnesses. SAC
Letter 55-40 clearly outlined action to be taken by a field
office upon receipt of a request from a USA for a "central
indices check" concerning an ex-Communist scheduled to
testify for the Government in non-Bureau as well as Bureau
cases.

SAC Letter 55-40 instructed that such requests
from USA's must be expeditiously handled and the Bureau
promptly furnished sufficient identifying data to enable a
search to be made of Bureau files. SAC Letter 55-40 advised
that pertinent information located in the Bureau's files
would be furnished to the field office for transmittal to the
USA and would also be furnished by the Bureau to the interested
division of the Department. A careful search of your files
would have disclosed the above instructions which clearly
answer the questions proposed in your letter dated February 22,
1956. You should, in the future, assure that the personnel
assigned to your office are aware of existing Bureau instructions.

With reference to the 11 potential witnesses listed
in relet, you are advised that the Departmental Committee on
Security Witnesses, which was established to consider whether
clearance should be granted to use ex-Communists as Government
witnesses, has already considered the case of Maurice Malkin,

Manning Johnson, and [redacted]
Malkin, [redacted] and Johnson were granted "restricted
clearance" and [redacted] and [redacted] were granted full clearance
by this committee. You are further advised that [redacted] is

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Letter to SAC, Los Angeles

currently acting as a consultant to the Department of Justice. You are instructed to furnish the above information to Mr. Teter, Los Angeles, and to suggest to him that his request for permission to use the above six ex-Communists as witnesses be directed to the Internal Security Division of the Department.

With reference to [redacted]

and

[redacted] A review is being made of the Bureau's files concerning these potential witnesses and any factors which might affect their credibility as witnesses will be forwarded to your office for transmittal to Mr. Teter, along with any additional derogatory information contained in your files or in the files of the various field offices which receive copies of referenced letter.

The Bureau is advising the Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division, of the request of Mr. Teter and of the action being taken by the Bureau.

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CONSOLIDATION OF FILES

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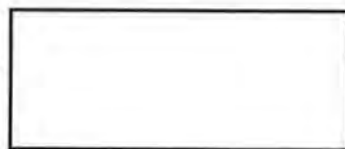
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ASAC D. E. Moore (100-68223)

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At 8:45 a.m. this date, [redacted] of the Bureau telephonically requested advice as to the current location and phone number of MANNING JOHNSON and MAURICE MALKIN. He said the Bureau had received a request from the Department of State in connection with passport hearing on captioned subject and the Bureau wanted to advise the Department of State that in connection with the availability of JOHNSON and MALKIN for testimony, State should contact them directly. I advised [redacted] I would check for JOHNSON's and MALKIN's current address and phone number and would advise him.

At 12:10 p.m. [redacted] was advised that when we had last contacted MANNING JOHNSON he had been residing at 1536 Lexington Avenue, telephone AT 9-2366, and that the current Manhattan telephone directory listed him at this address and telephone number. With regard to MAURICE MALKIN, he was contacted this year at Apartment 5D, 2345 Ocean Avenue, Brooklyn. He has an unlisted telephone, ES 5-1362. I told [redacted] that when we had attempted to contact MALKIN at his residence the woman answering the door had refused to give us his telephone number and that we had obtained it from INS.

[redacted] stated that this took care of his immediate request but that New York would be receiving a letter shortly in connection with additional witnesses to be considered in connection with the passport hearings.

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- 1 - NY 65-10519 (MANNING JOHNSON)
- 1 - NY 100-5109 (MAURICE MALKIN)
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: 10/18/56

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: *MANNING JOHNSON*
SM-C (negro, male)

Source
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Information
Furnished
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SA [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] advised that he knew the captioned subject as a member of the CP of NYC, Harlem Section, as of 1935. [REDACTED] furnished no further information concerning the above-captioned subject.

SAC, NEW YORK (100-26864)

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SA [redacted] (7-1)

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Re Bureau airtel to NY, 1/10/57.

The above referenced airtel contains information concerning the Departmental Committee on Security Witnesses, which committee was set up within the Department of Justice, to review information bearing on the credibility and reliability of potential witnesses prior to their use in Communist proceedings, and to determine if they should be so utilized as witnesses. Information concerning action by the committee in regard to [redacted] MAURICE MALKIN, MANNING JOHNSON, and [redacted] is set out in this airtel which is located in 100-26864-643.

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The purpose of this memo is to make the above information known in the files of [redacted] MALKIN, JOHNSON, and [redacted].

- 1 - New York (100-5109) (MAURICE MALKIN) (20-11)
- 1 - [redacted]
- 1 - [redacted]
- 1 - [redacted]
- 1 - New York (65-10519) (MANNING JOHNSON) (12-16)

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The Experts on Subversion

1. DR. KING'S PLOT EXPOSED

In Louisiana the other day a witness took the stand before a legislative hearing and told the committee exactly what it wanted to hear. He called the Rev. Martin Luther King, leader of the Montgomery bus boycott, "a dastardly misleader who is leading the Negroes of the South down to destruction and bloodshed." Urging a "close investigation" of Rev. King, he accused him of echoing "the Communist line," and said the Montgomery movement could "lead to communism in the South."

The man who uttered this vicious nonsense is named Manning Johnson. He is a Negro former Communist who subsequently served as a paid informant for the FBI. The Rev. King, whose credo of non-violent resistance has achieved world renown, needs no defense against Johnson's assault. But how many other men less capable of speaking for themselves were the victims of Johnson's wild accusations during his career as confidential adviser to the U.S.? If Johnson dares to question the patriotism of the Rev. King in public, how many others did he slander and ruin in private while toiling as an informant for the G-men?

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Justice Dept. Disavows Smearer of NAACP

The Department of Justice has issued a sharp denial that Manning Johnson is either one of its employees or is authorized to speak or testify for the agency, it was learned yesterday.

Johnson's disavowal by the Justice Department was contained in a letter signed by Assistant Attorney General Warren Olney III, in answer to an inquiry by Roy Wilkins, executive secretary of the NAACP. Johnson has served as a professional informer for the Justice Department in a number of cases against Communist Party members, trade unionists and victims in deportation cases.

Johnson testified before a Louisiana state legislative committee early in March, and was quoted in the press as having said the NAACP "has become a vehicle of the Communist Party designed to overthrow the government of the United States." Johnson was described in press reports as "Director of Research for the Department of Justice in Washington."

Following Johnson's statement about the NAACP, Wilkins wrote to U.S. Attorney General Herbert Brownell, Jr., for clarification of "Manning Johnson's official position in the Department of Justice, if any, and the official or unofficial or other nature of Manning Johnson's testimony before the Louisiana

legislative committee." Wilkins also inquired whether Johnson's testimony was "reflecting in any manner" the "official views or findings" of the U.S. Justice Department.

In reply, Olney and Arthur B. Caldwell, Chief of the Civil Rights Section, gave assurance that the witness was in no way connected with the Department and did not speak for it.

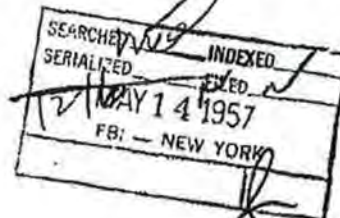
Johnson's testimony "concerning the alleged relationship between the NAACP and the Communist Party does not, in any manner, reflect the views of this Department or any findings it has made," the Justice Department letter asserts.

The letter further points out: "Manning Johnson is not employed by the Department of Justice as Director of Research or in any other capacity. In fact there is not nor has there ever been any such position as Director of Research in this Department. Further, with respect to any testimony Manning Johnson may have given before the above mentioned committee, he had no authority to speak for or on behalf of the Department of Justice."

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC New York

DATE: 3-31-58

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT:

Manning Johnson (65-10519) (12-15)
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On 3-28-58, Manning Johnson was interviewed
by [redacted] on TV program on WATV,
Channel 13, from 8:30 to 9:00 PM. The program,
"Zero 1960" was held under Catholic auspices
and sought "A Negro's Answer to Communism."

This program was tape recorded and a
summary was furnished the Bureau by airtel dated
3-31-58, entitled: CP, USA-15-C. A copy was designated
for the file on Johnson. It is suggested that this
tape, now an exhibit, be reviewed for disposal in 90 days.

This tape is retained as an exhibit;
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ReBulet, 3/18/58, requesting that the television program "Zero 1960," scheduled for March 28, and April 11, 1958, be monitored and summaries be furnished to the Bureau.

"Zero 1960" was televised on 3/28/58, by station WATV, Channel 13, from 8:30 p.m., to 9 p.m. was described in the schedule published by the "New York Times," as a Catholic show.

This program was recorded by the NYO and may be summarized as follows:

Announcer: Has the American Negro been duped by Communist propaganda? Zero 1960 is about to present the answer of a former member of the National Committee of the CP in "a Negro's answer to Communism."

- 3 - Bureau (100-3) (RM)
- ① - New York (65-10519) (MARTIN JOHNSON) (12-16)
- 1 - New York (100-4931)

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In 1917, at Baitan, a warning and a promise were given to the world. It was foretold that denial of God would spread from Russia, causing war and the destruction of entire nations. These predictions have now come true.

This week features an interview of MANNING JOHNSON, a former high Commissioner of the CP in America.

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I did not realize the extent of the racial problem in America until the time of the Little Rock incident, at which time I was traveling in Europe and read of it in the newspapers there. I thought some of the expressions appearing there must have had some Communist power behind them. As a former member of the CP National Committee, what is the story as you know it behind the build up of the race problem in America?

JOHNSON: In my opinion, the CP is behind the unrest in the US. Every Negro who wants an education can have one. It is wrong to assume that the only way a Negro can get an education is to sit beside a white child. He can only get one by his own efforts. I don't think it was necessary to send the Army in to embarrass the country. Communists picked it up and said

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JOHNSON: Negroes were being denied the right to an education and circulated that statement all over the world. Not one who participated denied that fact. To solve the problem, we will have to depart from the line pursued by Communists, liberals, and fellow travelers which seeks friction. No solution will be brought about without the approval of responsible white and colored people of the south. No group are more qualified to solve the problem as such people. I don't mean the Ku Klux Klan or the Negro rabble rousers or the carpetbaggers from the North.

[]: Do you think that, if the problem were left to these people, it would solve itself?

JOHNSON: It would be solved.

[]: How did the Communists build up this tension in order to capitalize on it.

JOHNSON: They made impossible demands. In the last 15 or 20 years, the problem was beginning to solve itself. However, the carpetbagger influence has accentuated it to the degree prevailing in the days of reconstruction.

[]: One woman from Little Rock told me she was amazed at the eruption. She said that people there were prepared for integration. Can you trace the direct Communist influence in the happenings there?

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JOHNSON: Definitely. The "Daily Worker" had headlines predicting violence. They should have let the governor have his way.

[]: Wasn't the governor at one time a Communist or didn't he go to a Communist school?

JOHNSON: Yes, he went to a Communist school in Mena, Arkansas.

[]: I will ask MANNING JOHNSON why he joined the CP and why he left, but first a message.

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Announcer: The Blue Army movement was founded on the belief that only when the free world unites in spirit under God's law will we be able to defeat Communism. For more information about the 67 Nation Blue Army movement, write to the American Blue Army Headquarters, Washington, NJ.

[]: What led you to become a Communist?

(Resuming
interview
of JOHNSON)

X [JOHNSON: The condition of the Negro in the US. I was dissatisfied by the treatment accorded me in 1930. I met a Negro trained in the Lenin school who convinced me our plight was due to the capitalist system and that the CP had the only program for its solution.

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[]: What led you to leave?

JOHNSON: After 10 years, I realized the bankruptcy of Communism - that the CP was attempting to use the Negro to deceive the Africans and Asians into believing that Communism is the program for them. After leaving, I have been persecuted by Communists, liberals, and eggheads and anti, anti-Communists.

[]: Why are such ex-Communists as LOUIE DUDENZ and HELLA DODD so persecuted?

JOHNSON: Because the Communists use methods of the underworld and follow its code. They would kill their opponents if it could be done with impunity.

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[]: Why do Communists have such power as in the case of Senator MC CARTHY?

JOHNSON: Thousands of Communist sympathizers, many controlling media of public information, are responsible for the campaign to destroy fighters against Communism. I am a Baptist and always believed in God, but I suppressed my religious beliefs in the belief that the cause of Communism was important enough to dedicate myself to it. I thought of the benefits the Negro could derive.

[]: You say the struggle between man reaching for social justice through self discipline is inspired by the teachings of Christ, rather than through the false teachings of Communist leadership?

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JOHNSON: Only the application of golden rule is capable of solving the basic problems of the world. Communism is based on hate, the antithesis of Christian faith.

[redacted]: [redacted] on these telecasts, predict we will have war with Russia by 1960. What do you feel about the time we have to make? *awaken*

JOHNSON: ✓ I think the time is short and I agree with them, unless our faith in God and our keeping our powder dry to avert it. We must pray for strength and unite nations under the fatherhood of God.

[redacted]: Thank you Mr. JOHNSON.

[redacted]: MANNING JOHNSON tried the shorter way, than the longer way - the surer way - to a goal - the betterment of his people. KARL MARK had a message of social reform. Christ had a message for personal reform, but it has tremendous social implications.

Announcer: On Zero 1000 next week, we will present [redacted]

[redacted] and ANDREW MIDDLE DUKE, President of the International Rescue Committee in They Come for Freedom.

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ReNYairtel to Bureau, 3/31/58, which set forth
summary of the television program "Zero 1960" on 3/28/58.

"Zero 1960" was televised 4/11/58, by station
WATV, Channel 13, from 8:30 PM to 9 PM. Dr. BELLA DODD
and MANNING JOHNSON were interviewed by [redacted]
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This program was recorded by the New York Office
and may be summarized as follows:

Announcer: How much time does America have?
When will Soviet Russia strike? Dr. BELLA DODD and Mr.
MANNING JOHNSON predict crisis in America by 1960. The
Blue Army presents 'Zero 1960'.

In 1917 at the very hour of the Communist
Revolution in Russia a warning, a secret, and a promise
full of hope were given to the world at Fatima. It was

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foretold that denial of God, would spread from Russia causing wars, even total destruction of entire nations. Many of these predictions have now come true exactly as foretold. Zero Hour for opening the secret part of the message is 1960 -- Can the Communist leaders of Russia be changed?

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Hello, this is your [redacted] This week Zero 1960 features an interview with Dr. BELLA DODD and Mr. MANNING JOHNSON, two former members of the National Committee for the Communist Party in America who now devote their lives to exposing the Communist conspiracy. Dr. DODD and Mr. JOHNSON are being interviewed by [redacted]

[redacted] Zero 1960 is a program for communists, but against communism because it advocates that the answer to communism is in a spiritual awakening. Russia's [redacted] is America and we have with us two former members of the National Committee of the Communist Party in the United States. Mr. MANNING JOHNSON and Dr. BELLA DODD. Dr. DODD on this program Zero 1960 you foretold two weeks before it happened that the Communists would close the "Daily Worker." You said they were not out of money, you said they could have all the money they needed but that it was a part of their plan.

DODD: [redacted] I wasn't very smart about predicting the closing of the "Daily Worker." They had been announcing for some time. But also it was obvious that in the next stages of the communist conspiracy the program is (deadend our faith) with pleas for coexistence, coexistence, collaboration and with a program which says everything is fine all we

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have to do is stop attacking communism and we'll have a world of peace. Now of course this is off truth. There will be no peace until the world communist conspiracy has established world socialism and the world dictatorship. And that is the danger which is threatening the United States.

☐ Manning, how do you feel? Are the Communists still continuing to make progress in America?

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JOHNSON: Well, I think that the Communist Party is in a position to make unprecedented progress in America and I think that's due primarily to the fact that the recent decisions of the Supreme Court raised the Communist Party to a position of respectability that it had never succeeded in attaining in the more than 30 odd years of its existence. It seems to me that the gentlemen on the Supreme Court fail to understand that the Communist Party is an organized criminal conspiracy. It is not like the political parties that have come into existence during great surges in our history. It is beyond a question or doubt, and one only has to read the writings of the Party to know it. It was created by NIKOLAI LENIN in Russia in 1919, for the express purpose of seeking the complete destruction and overthrow of the government of the United States and the establishment of a Soviet form of government in this country.

DODD: The United States is the only bulwark left that can stop this scourge in the world, so that entire world will be an enslaved world. The United States

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has both the spiritual potential and the material protection and the two have to be used. We dare not give up our struggle for scientific advancements and for having all the means necessary to check world communism on the imperialist end, but we also at the same time and this is one thing which is not understood by our country, we must look (ph) to our spiritual defenses and our spiritual defenses are not merely the question of going to church, but prayer and actual feeling of reaching the ultimate in God himself, and making our religion a living religion without becoming sentimental on it and allowing the communists to use, to steal from us the very bulwarks for our own safety.

JOHNSON: STALIN said in 1929, he spoke to a group of American Communists whom he had summoned to Moscow that when a revolutionary crisis develops in America this will mark the beginning of the end of world capitalism. Thus we see from his own words that once America goes down the avenue of communism that will mark the end of the entire free world. It will mean that humanity will go through that period, that horrible period, of moral decay, physical slavery and spiritual death.

[]: Dr. DODD, do you think we're going down that avenue to communism in America?

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DODD: [] it's my feeling that the communist conspiracy they feel that they can achieve their control in America in other ways. In other words, they are not adverse to seeking power under labels which are much more acceptable to the American people.

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JOHNSON: And unfortunately you find a number of persons who have influence in high circles of the Socialist Party and other branches of the Workers Movement working together to build about a united front of communists and all socialistic minded people. I think that ~~more~~ is more or less what they're angling for and the liquidation of the "Daily Worker" in my opinion is the liquidation of a paper that has served its purpose and I think they'll come forward with a new paper based upon this new coalition which they are contemplating forming in this country. All ready it has been pointed out by the leaders of the Communist Party that tens of thousands of people who once were with them who will be with them again tomorrow and I feel that they will know that the pressure has been removed. Today the Supreme Court says that you can advocate the overthrow of the government of the United States with immunity.

☐ Do you think we're in greater danger now than we were, for instance, at the time that ALGER HISS was influencing ROOSEVELT?

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DODD: There's no question in my mind we're in greater danger. The ALGER HISS forces are still in the State Department. They still have not been eradicated. The ALGER HISS forces are still in power in our educational system. Oh I don't mean, in the vulgar sense, the card carrying Communist Party member because he's the easier person to find. But the person who follows the

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communist philosophy (ph) but calls himself by another label. I'm not recommending that we go after him individually, as person by person, but we need to raise the level of understanding among the men and women of good will who treasure their native land, who treasure even the love of humanity as a whole.

MANNING, you know the Party from having been a member of the National Committee too as Dr. DODD has. What strength does communism have now in high places to influence opinion and also, in communications to influence public opinion to accept the blackmail or at least in that first moment before the American people realize what's happening?

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JOHNSON: Well, I think that one of the main dangers is the political doubting Thomas that we find in so many key spots in government and in the media of public information.

DODD: What we're seeing today is the communist conspiracy is much more virile but much more hidden (ph) form (ph) in this country. It seems to me that it was much easier to alert the people when the thing labeled itself Communist. But when it labels itself by other words and when they take their own ideas (ph) their own personnel and place them in high positions in government, high positions in every phase of our cultural and intellectual life then we really are in danger.

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JOHNSON: I say that the American people are sanguinary (ph) people. They are more advanced than these leaders that we have think they are. I think they understand the true nature of communism and every politician and the big, big fellows in the fourth estate will yet have to reckon with the rank and file American.

DODD: The American people are an easy going people. They're a tolerant people, but they also have a tremendous history of love of freedom. Now you can't purchase this love of freedom. Much as I respect and love the people of the world, America has the tradition of freedom which many other countries have not and the American people with their tradition of freedom will provide tremendous resistance to any such blackmail.

[redacted] said on his program and others have said that Russia is getting ready to point a gun at America, the gun of guided missiles, and then to say that we want another Yalta and that the Communist Party now underground in America is going to be conditioning our government to accept that Yalta and with nice terms to turn America into a world communist empire. Now I'm going to ask you in a moment your opinion of that --

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(Break -- a message from The Blue Army.)

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[]: ~~MALINOV~~, what do you think? Are the Communists getting ready to back up a Russian move to blackmail, to use [] term, to blackmail America into membership into the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics?

JOHNSON: I think that Soviet Russia is attempting to blackmail us, yes. I think that they're trying to maneuver in numerous ways, particularly in Asia and Africa. To cut us off from our connections there in their attempt to sovietize that part of the world. Of course, LENIN in his resolution on the national and colonial question pointed out that they were going to do that and ever since that resolution was passed at the Second World Congress of the Communist International in the early 1920's the Soviet government has worked in that direction and the things that are happening in Asia and Africa today are the direct result of the years of activity organized and conducted by the agents of Moscow.

[]: Dr. DODD, if Russia gets to this point, which [] says will come in the Spring of 1960 [] says the fall of 1960, Capt. [] (ph) says it's 1960, if they reach this point, if they have guided missiles aimed in to key American targets and they call in an ambassador, they destroy an American city as a proof, they say now we want to sit at a conference table because we can wipe you out and we have to work out a coexistence, do you feel the Communist Party in America is strong enough now or will be strong enough within the next two years to influence our government to give in to such a blackmail?

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DODD:

[redacted] and people like him are in a position to know that our means of communication are being used, the purpose of terrifying the American people for the purpose of preparing them to accept such a blackmail. Now I think they're going to meet resistance. They don't bargain with the character of the American people. I don't look with any degree of easiness. I don't feel at all happy at the thought of releasing the scourge of war at the Russian people because I know that the Russian people love the American people. The communist conspiracy will use the Russian people, will use the American people, will use the German people, whatever they will find convenient to gain their control on a world-wide basis. They've got Russia in their control now and they've got millions of Russians chafing under it. As I've said on this program there are secret allies of the western world in Russia and the satellites, these secret allies are nourished on faith and hope in the belief that right will triumph in the long run. It seems to me that America is the most acute place for working in the fight against communism because if we can have in America a large number of people who will understand how this enemy works they will then by setting their own lives, a good family life, a life of prayer, a life of goodness to our fellow men.

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[redacted] You think that's the answer, MANNING?

JOHNSON: I think that is the answer.

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[] Suppose.....the moment of the blackmail comes without much change in the situation now, do you think that in those 24 hours that are in balance (ph) in the blackmail that we will decide to fire back at Russia or will we say yes, let's sit down and talk it over?

DODD: There's a great danger that he (ph) will turn tail, but my prediction is the American people would rather be free than to go on their knees to any dictatorship of that kind and that our people will refuse in spite of the infiltration into the top government circles, in spite of the infiltration into our State Department, and by that I don't mean infiltration of Communist Party members, but those who have been sucked into the Communist Party line, the communist conspiracy line and believe me that's providing great weakness for us.

[] Do you think the American people are going to have to go through what the Hungarian people went through?

DODD: I think the American people are going to suffer very greatly.

[] Dr. DODD, you said that the American people would suffer. Does that mean that you feel that the communists are so strong in government, that if we have the blackmail we are likely to have another Yalta?

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DODD: The men connected with the communist conspiracy are in high positions (ph). America is in greater danger now than she's ever been and if we have another Yalta, it will be so effectuated the American people will not know what is happening. They will only learn after the yokes are thrown over their shoulders.

[] MANNING, how do you feel about that :

JOHNSON: I agree with what Dr. DODD has said, coexistence is a snare and a delusion. It is stalling for time for Russia to prepare itself for complete taking over of the entire world.

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[] Is the activity of the communist conspiracy now bent upon coexistence, is that leading toward the day when the blackmail will say let's coexist?

DODD: They are trying to convince the Americans in every phase of life that coexistence is the inevitable way of life. As MANNING has said you can't coexist with wrong. The communist movement has to be smashed in order for the American people to remain free and to free the millions of slaves behind the iron curtain.

[] MANNING, do you feel the communists conspiracy is stronger now in communications than it was when you left the Party?

JOHNSON: Definitely so.

[] Is it stronger, Dr. DODD, in government do you believe than when you left the Party?

DODD: I think it is because it is more hidden. It has fewer overt people who are members of the Party, who are openly known members of the Party. Their main work (ph) those who have made their cooperation with the communist movement. These people who have achieved important posts in government.

[]: Most important question of all. What is the ability of the communist conspiracy in America right now to influence American opinion? MANNING, what's your judgment?

JOHNSON: There are so many persons in the media of public information today that take a definite line of coexistence, a line of trying to understand Russia and putting the responsibility for any antagonism between the two on the United States. It is particularly that line that is objectively supporting the whole program and policy of communism and I fear that if the American people don't rise up these dupes will succeed.

[]: One final question. How much time do you think we might have for the people to realize that this conspiracy is alive that Russia is getting ready to level a gun and that the 5th column of communism in America is getting ready to influence the American people to put their hands up? How much time do we have to get the people to realize this, Dr. DODD?

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DODD: I say between now and the next presidential election. Between now and 1960 you have the opportunity, if you find the means of reaching the American people with the facts. If the American people knew the facts they would know how to act, but the facts are being kept from them and everything is being done to dull the confidence of the American people, to destroy the confidence of the American people. Our best qualities are being mocked and derided. The communist conspiracy is preventing and twisting our national defenses, i.e., our religion, our education.

[]: MANNING, I'm going to ask you that question. How much time do we have?

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✓ JOHNSON: I should say that the time is drawing short. By the next presidential election if something isn't done to restore the damage that has been done to our internal security program and to head off appeasement of Russia.....I say that we may go down the drain before 1960. Heaven forbid it and this is the answer to all of these guys that talk about coexistence. You can't coexist with the devil without losing your soul.

[]: Thank you Mr. MANNING JOHNSON and Dr. BELLA DODD.

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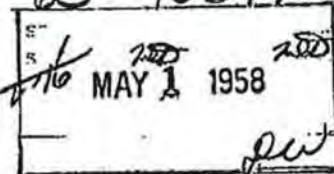
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On 4-11-58, Manning Johnson and Bella Dodd were interviewed on a 30 minute television program on WATV, Channel 13 entitled: "Zero 1960." The theme of the program was the likelihood of attack by Russia in 1960 and the interviewees expressed their ideas on how the threat can be met.

The tape recording of the program has been retained as an exhibit, 65-10519-1B. It is suggested that it be reviewed for destruction in 90 days.

cc: 100-25839 (Bella Dodd)



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For the completion of files, the Bureau is advised that according to an article appearing in the "New York Amsterdam News", dated 7/11/59, MANNING JOHNSON died following an automobile accident while on the West Coast on a lecture tour. The article states that the cause of death was attributed to a heart ailment. The article does not set out the exact date and place of MANNING's death.

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On 7/14/59, [REDACTED] advised
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[REDACTED] had been in
California for the past several weeks and while there was involved
in an automobile accident in which he received injuries which
resulted in his hospitalization.

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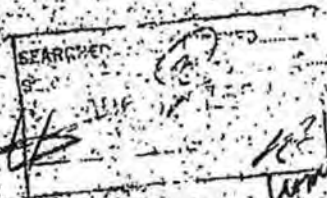
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THE NEW YORK TIMES, SUNDAY, JULY 26, 1959

EX-RED WHO HELPED THE F.B.I. IS BURIED

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif., July 25.—A sparsely attended military funeral was held yesterday for Manning R. Johnson, Negro leader and one-time Communist organizer who later became an undercover agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Mr. Johnson, 51 years old, had died July 2 of a heart ailment. But a spokesman for the undertakers who conducted the burial said the funeral had been delayed because they needed approval and money from his widow, Mrs. Mae Johnson of New York. Mrs. Johnson did not attend the funeral.

Mr. Johnson had testified in numerous hearings on un-American activities and state anti-Communist legislative sessions.

He was a key witness in the 1949 perjury trial of Harry Bridges, president of the International Warehousemen's Union, who was accused of lying at his 1945 naturalization hearing. He also testified in the 1947 passport fraud trial of Gerhart Eisler, Communist spy who later fled to East Germany.

Mr. Johnson joined the Communist party in the Nineteen Thirties. Later, disillusioned with communism's methods and goals, he tried to quit. The F. B. I., however, persuaded him to remain and used him as an undercover agent.

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